

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1(Cancelled).

2(Currently Amended). A method for transmitting packets from a computer onto a network, said method comprising the acts:

receiving at least two data sets;

5 determining a priority value for each of the at least two data sets based on priority information parsed from the received at least two data sets;

composing a composite data set comprising portions of the at least two data sets such that an amount of data from each of the data sets within the composite data set is based upon the determined priority values relative
10 priorities between each of the at least two data sets and wherein an order of the portions in the composite data set is selected based on the determined priority values; and

transmitting the composite data set onto the network;

wherein the act of receiving comprises:

15 creating a group comprising a plurality of connection buffers for each data set; and

assigning a priority to each created group.

3(Original). The method of claim 2 wherein the step of creating comprises:

monitoring the speed of the connection supplying data to each connection buffer; and

5 adjusting the size of the corresponding connection buffer to maintain a buffer sized to hold packets received over a preselected time interval.

4(Original). The method of claim 3 wherein the preselected time interval is at least as long as the time required to complete the composing step.

5 5(Previously Presented). The method of claim 2 further comprising:
determining a weight value for each data set; and
selecting portions of the first and second data sets in an order at least partially based upon the weight value.

6(Previously Presented). The method of claim 2 wherein the step of composing comprises:
creating a connection buffer for each data set;
organizing the connection buffers into logical rings of like priority value;
5 selecting portions of data from each logical ring at a frequency at least partially reflecting the relative priority of the logical rings.

7(Original). The method of claim 6 further comprising:
determining for each logical ring a number of bytes held by all the connection buffers within that ring (nBytes);
determining for each ring the number of connection buffers it holds that
5 have data waiting to be sent (nReady);
determining a number of bytes to be sent from each logical ring.

8(Original). The method of claim 7 wherein the step of determining the number of bytes comprises normalizing to the logical ring having the largest nBytes value.

9(Original). The method of claim 7 wherein number of logical rings is "n" defining n discrete priority levels labeled 0 to n-1, and the step of selecting further comprises:
selecting sub-packets from each of the rings in having a selection
5 pattern substantially matching:
selection round logical ring

	1	n
	2	n, n-1
	3	n, n-1, n-2
10	n	n, n-1, n-2,...,n-1.

10(Original). The method of claim 1, wherein the networked computer transmits the prioritized packets to a second networked computer over the Internet.

11(Previously Presented). The method of claim 2, wherein the networked computer receives the prioritized packets from at least one client.

12(Previously Presented). The method of claim 2, wherein the prioritized packets are received by an originating server.

13(Previously Presented). The method of claim 2, wherein the networked computer transmits the prioritized packets to a second networked computer and receives prioritized packets from the second networked computer.

14(Cancelled).

15(Previously Presented). The method of claim 2 wherein the act of determining the priority value comprises:

receiving prioritization rules from an external content server associated with at least one of the data sets; and

5 determining the priority value at least partially based on the prioritization rules.

16(Cancelled).

17(Previously Presented). A system for transmitting packets from a buffer of a network computer onto a network, said system comprising:

a buffer to store a plurality of packets received from at least one client;

5 at least two packets stored in the buffer, wherein each of the packets
has a priority value that at least partially determines a queue order for
transmitting; and
a transmitter to transmit prioritized packets from the buffer;
wherein the buffer is part of an intermediary web server that receives
packets from the at least one client; and
10 the network is the Internet.

18(Previously Presented). The system of claim 17 wherein the priority
value is based on at least two priority parameter values for the at least one
packet, wherein the at least two priority parameter values are converted into a
priority value based on a weighting algorithm.

19(Previously Presented). The system of claim 17, wherein the priority
value is at least partially determined by the number of transmission cycles
each of the at least two packets has remained in the buffer.

20(Previously Presented). The system of claim 17, wherein the
networked computer transmits the prioritized packets to a second networked
computer over the Internet.

21(Previously Presented). The system of claim 17, wherein the
prioritized packets are received by an originating server.

22(Previously Presented). The system of claim 17, wherein the
networked computer transmits the prioritized packets to a second networked
computer and receives prioritized packets from the second networked
computer.

23(New). A method for transmitting packets from one or more clients over a network based on prioritization, comprising:

providing an intermediary server between the clients and a web server;

receiving a data set from one of the clients;

parsing the data set to retrieve priority information;

modifying the priority information from a first value to a second value;

determining a priority value for the received data set based on the second value;

composing a composite data set including a portion of the received data set based on the priority value; and

transmitting the composite data set to the web server over the network.

24(New). The method of claim 23, wherein the modifying of the priority information is performed based on information accessed by the one of the clients on the web server.

25(New). The method of claim 23, wherein the modifying of the priority information is based on a number of page credits for a particular domain of the web server accessed by the one of the clients.